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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

1. (U) MISSION PROGRAM PLAN: HELP. I JUST NOTICED YESTERDAY THAT WE ARE MISSING ONE PAGE OF YOUR MPP - THE "KEY OBJECTIVES" SECTION FOR ACTION PLAN B.2. - ECONOMIC/TRADE DIPLOMACY. SINCE IT'S UNCLASSIFIED CAN YOU FAX IT TO ME ASAP. THANKS. FYI: PMO SONJA RIX AND I WENT OVER YOUR MPP ON THURSDAY AND WE BOTH AGREE THAT IT'S AN EXCELLENT JOB. WE'LL BE PREPARING THE FORMAL FEED-BACK CABLE SOON.

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2. (C) UNOMUR EXTENSION: WITH THE INITIAL SIX-MONTH MANDATE ON THE UGANDA BORDER FORCE SET TO RUN OUT ON DEC. 22, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION BACK HERE (NSC, IO, AF/C) AND IN NEW YORK ABOUT HOW THE BORDER FORCE RELATES TO UNAMIR. AS YOU WILL RECALL, THE UGANDANS WERE A LITTLE MIFFED WHEN THEY THOUGHT THAT UNOMUR WAS BEING SUBSUMED INTO UNAMIR. WE'RE WORKING BACK HERE TO AVOID RUFFLING KAMPALA'S FEATHERS AGAIN AS WE EXAMINE LANGUAGE FOR A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE MANDATE OF THE BORDER FORCE. AS YOU SAW IN USUN 6511 AND KAMPALA 9657, THE UN

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IS CONSIDERING A JOINT BUDGET FOR THE TWO OPERATIONS, WHICH IS APPARENTLY OKAY WITH UGANDA AS LONG AS THE TWO MANDATES ARE KEPT EXPLICITLY SEPARATE. THERE IS ALSO MOVEMENT TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE BORDER FORCE ONLY UNTIL THE DATE THAT THE INITIAL MANDATE FOR UNAMIR EXPIRES (EARLY APRIL, I BELIEVE) RATHER THAN ANOTHER FULL SIX MONTHS. THE IDEA IS TO PUT BOTH OPERATIONS ON THE SAME TIME FRAME. THIS WOULD ALLOW THE UNSC TO REVIEW RENEWAL OF BOTH SIMULTANEOUSLY. THIS IDEA MAKES SENSE, AS LONG AS IT'S OKAY WITH KAMPALA. WE AND AF/E (THE UGANDA DESK) ARE MAKING SURE THAT IO AND NSC KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING KAMPALA HAPPY. IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL LOCAL SPIN ON THIS RATHER ARCANE ISSUE, WE'D WELCOME HEARING IT.

3. (C) WORLD BANK MEETINGS: I'M SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH NAT COLLETTA OF THE WORLD BANK ON TUESDAY (DEC. 21) TO DISCUSS WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE TO DEMOBILIZATION IN RWANDA. COLLETTA WAS APPARENTLY THE LEAD BANK PERSON ON THE UGANDA DEMOBILIZATION, SO HE SHOULD KNOW HIS STUFF. THE MEETING IS INTENDED TO BRIEF HIM ON RWANDA, WHICH HE
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READILY ADMITS HE KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT AT THIS STAGE. AMB. RAWSON AND I ALSO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE BANK THE FOLLOWING DAY, AS PART OF THE AMBASSADOR'S CONSULTATIONS. WE HOPE TO FIND OUT HOW THE RECENT JOINT GOR/RPF-BANK NEGOTIATIONS WENT. I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF WE LEARN ANYTHING INTERESTING.

4. (U) RAWSON'S CREDENTIALS/REMARKS: I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE PLANNING TO HAVE AMB. RAWSON PRESENT HIS CREDENTIALS THE DAY AFTER HE ARRIVES. IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED, I THINK THAT'S GREAT. IN LIGHT OF THIS TIMING, HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THERE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE TIME TO DRAFT HIS REMARKS TO HABYARIMANA AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. HE ASKED ME TO CHECK WITH YOU AND SEE HOW YOU WANTED TO HANDLE DRAFTING RESPONSIBILITIES. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU COULD DRAFT IT LOCALLY FOR HIS/MY REVIEW. (I'M TOLD THERE'S NO RULE ON WHETHER WASHINGTON OR POST DRAFTS THEM.) WHAT DO YOU THINK? (MAYBE YOU STILL HAVE AMB. FLATEN'S AROUND TO CRIE FROM) ALSO, AMB. RAWSON WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE LOCAL PRACTICE IS: DOES HE READ THE REMARKS UPON PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS OR JUST HAND HIM A COPY, AS WE DO HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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5. (LOU) THE GROUP AWARD: TONY MENTIONED THE ISSUE OF RECOGNIZING THOSE NOT AT POST WHO ARE LISTED ON THE RECENT GROUP AWARD. I TOLD HIM, AND I SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU, THAT I HAD ASKED AF/EX ABOUT THIS AND WAS INITIALLY TOLD THAT ALL THEY DO IS SEND THE CERTIFICATE TO POST AND PUT SOMETHING IN EVERYONE'S PERSONNEL FOLDER. GIVEN THAT MOST OF THE RECIPIENTS WERE NOT EVEN POSTED TO KIGALI, I THEN ASKED CLAIRE (MR. MOOSE'S SECRETARY) ABOUT HOW THESE

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THINGS WORK. SHE TALKED TO THE AF/EX DIRECTOR, AND THEY HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED NOW THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE PEOPLE BACK HERE AS WELL. TONY IS TALKING TO ED BRYNN ABOUT IT, TOO. I'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW THIS DEVELOPS.

6. (U) BUGGELN REPLACEMENT: FYI: LINDA B'S REPLACEMENT, BRUCE MCGOWAN, WILL BE READING IN NEXT WEEK. HE SAYS HE PLANS TO ARRIVE AT POST AROUND JAN. 8

BUT I'M SURE LINDA/USIA KNOW THE DETAILS.

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